

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through October 29, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 13-6205-NRP, will affect approximately 0.7 acres identified by tax map number 051-13-02-003. A company known as Family Dollar Stores of South Carolina, Inc. (Family Dollar) wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Family Dollar.

The property was as commercial property. General location uses around the property include commercial and industrial property to the north, commercial property to the east, residential property to the south, and commercial and residential property to the west.

Family Dollar intends to redevelop the site for a retail store. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Family Dollar to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Family Dollar did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Family Dollar responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Family Dollar will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Family Dollar will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Family Dollar will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through October 29, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0932 or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.